



October 2023 ROSS Newsletter

Fairway Gardens & Paradise Trail



The BIG CLEANUP Clearwater 2023 Clearwater's largest community-wide cleanup event!

This is a family friendly week-long event where all residents, businesses, visitors and community organizations are welcome to join in the fun to keep Clearwater clean from bay to beach. This annual volunteer event is brought to you by the City of Clearwater, Keep Pinellas Beautiful, Ocean Allies, Visit St. Pete/Clearwater, and AMPLIFY Clearwater.

For more information or to register, contact **Megan Jackson** at 727-533-0402 or mjackson@kpbcares.org or visit www.thebigcleanupclearwater.com.



Florida Botanical Gardens 8th Annual Pumpkin Fest

Saturday, October 21, 2023
12:00 PM–4:00 PM

12520 Ulmerton Road
Largo, FL 33774

12211 Walsingham Road
Largo, FL 33778

Florida Botanical Gardens offers a fun experience for families! Bring your own pumpkin to decorate or you can purchase one at the event for \$10. All the tools needed to clean and carve pumpkins will be available on site. Get ready to put your carving skills to work at this **FREE** event. For more information, contact **Emily Goot** at 727-582-2117. To pre-register and purchase your pumpkin, visit

www.flbgfoundation.org/pumpkinfest

ROSS Zone October Events at Barbee Towers & Ralph Richards



360 Eats Gourmet Meals Distribution

Thursday, October 5, 2023 at 2:00 PM-3:30 PM



Hope Villages Food Distribution

Tuesday, October 10, 2023 at 9:30 AM-3:30 PM



Empath Health Laughter Wellness Session

Wednesday, October 11, 2023 at 2:00 PM-3:00 PM



360 Eats Gourmet Meals Distribution

Thursday, October 12, 2023 at 4:30 PM-5:30 PM

Do you need food or would like to participate?



St. Vincent Healthy Food Distribution

Monday, October 16, 2023 at 11:00 AM-3:30 PM

FL Dream Center Monthly Food Distribution

Tuesday, October 17, 2023 at 1:30 PM-4:30 PM

HEP Monthly Mobile Market

Thursday, October 19, 2023 at 1:00 PM-3:30 PM

Health Markets Healthcare InfoShare Event

Friday, October 27, 2023 at 11:00 AM-4:00 PM

Call (727) 446-1045, Ext. 265 or assistance!



Affordable Connectivity Program

Affordable Connectivity Program Benefits



Up to \$30/month towards broadband service from participating providers



Up to \$75/month towards broadband service for households on tribal lands, including Hawaiian Home Lands



A one-time discount of up to \$100 to purchase a laptop, desktop computer, or tablet

The **Affordable Connectivity Program** is a **Federal Communications Commission (FCC) program** that provides a temporary discount on monthly broadband bills for qualifying low-income households. If your household is **eligible**, you can receive:

- ◆ Up to a **\$30/month discount** on your broadband service and associated equipment rentals
- ◆ Up to a **\$75/month discount** if your household is on qualifying Tribal lands
- ◆ A **one-time discount** of up to **\$100 for a laptop, tablet, or desktop computer** (with a co-payment of more than \$10 but less than \$50)

Steps To Receive Your Benefit

1. Check if you qualify
2. Apply for the Affordable Connectivity Program
3. Find a Provider near you



To get started, visit www.fcc.gov/acp

or call **(877) 384-2575**

or email at

ACPinfo@fcc.org



Breast Cancer Awareness Month



October is **Breast Cancer Awareness Month**— an annual campaign to raise awareness about the impact of breast cancer. If you're uninsured and between the ages of 50 and 64,

there's help available through the Florida Department of Health's Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program (**BCCP**) that offers free or low-cost screenings for those who are eligible. The DOH-Pinellas BCCP application is available online at

<http://pinellas.floridahealth.gov/programs-and-services/clinical-and-nutrition-services/bccp/index.html>



Women without internet access can call **(727) 824-6917** to have an enrollment package sent by mail. To obtain more information about DOH-Pinellas call **(727) 824-6900** or visit www.PinellasHealth.com



Domestic Violence Awareness Month

National Domestic Violence Hotline
1-800-799-7233

Rape, Abuse, & Incest National Network
1-800-656-4673

National Teen Dating Abuse Helpline
1-866-331-9474

Florida's Toll-Free Domestic Violence Hotline
1-800-500-1119

CASA 24-Hour Hotline (Pinellas County)
(727) 895-4912

Hope Villages of America 24-Hour Abuse Hotline
(727) 442-4128



Salvation Army - Clearwater Angel Tree Program 2023



Christmas Assistance for Families with Children ages 12 and under and Seniors 65 years or older

Program Qualifications:

- ♦ Family must live in service area
- ♦ Must provide proof of residency
- ♦ Photo ID required for applicant
- ♦ Birth certificates for each child to verify ages



Please provide clothing sizes and/or specific gift needs for each participant

To register, visit www.saangeltree.org (Deadline is October 15, 2023 by 4:00pm)



Salvation Army Joy Center
1521 E. Druid Rd.
Clearwater, FL 33756
(727) 446-4177



www.clearwater.salvationarmyflorida.org

Salvation Army Thanksgiving 2023 Turkey & Food Basket Registration



Receive a ticket to pick-up a **FREE** Thanksgiving Turkey for your family. The ticket will include the date, time, and location for the turkey pick-up. One ticket per family will be provided until all the tickets have been disbursed.

Registration begins on October 15, 2023.
You can visit www.saturkey.com

You can scan the code and complete the form. A ticket will be mailed to you on/after **November 9th, 2023**. For more information contact **Cheryl Lewis** at **(727) 446-4177**. For additional assistance, contact the **ROSS Coordinator** at **(727) 446-1045, Ext. 265**.



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